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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on October 16, 2008. The shortened statutory period for response expires on November 16, 2008.

REMARKS

The Office action indicates that there are seven patentably distinct species depicted in the figures, and that claims 1, 21, 23, and 25 are generic. A summary of the species outlined in the Office action is as follows:

- I. FIGS. 1-6;
- II. FIGS. 7-8;
- III. FIG. 9;
- IV. FIGS 16-18A;
- V. FIGS. 18B-18D;
- VI. FIG 19; and
- VII. FIG. 20.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse species I, as represented by FIGS. 1-6. Applicant submits that at least claims 1-7, 11-16, and 18-25 encompass the elected species and that each of independent claims 1, 21, 23, and 25 are generic.